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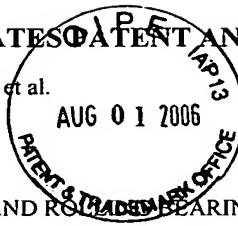
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Katsura KOYAGI, et al.

SERIAL NO: 10/577,920

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FOR: SEAL DEVICE WITH SENSOR AND ROTATING HEARING DEVICE USING THE SEAL DEVICE



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